

United States Army Heritage and Education Center

Discussions on Military History Roundtable

A quarterly forum on military history

The Mexican-American War and America's First National Anti-War Movement

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The Mexican-American War, though the least-studied of America's conflicts, is the prelude to the greatest war the United States Army ever fought, the American Civil War. The Mexican War deserves a closer look: it had a 15% casualty rate (among the highest in American history), the highest desertion rate in any American war, and perhaps most importantly, it resulted in the transfer of almost half of Mexico's territory to the United States.

In the first roundtable of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center's quarterly "Discussions on Military History," Dr. Amy Greenberg of Penn State University will discuss the themes and arguments in her book, *A Wicked War: Polk, Clay, Lincoln, and the 1846 U.S. Invasion of Mexico*. After the talk, our esteemed panel of experts will discuss the details of the war and its consequences, and then open the floor to questions from the audience.

Dr. Greenberg is a Professor of History and Women's studies and a historian of international relations in antebellum America, concentrating from 1800 to just before the Civil War. She has published several books aside from *A Wicked War*, including, *Manifest Manhood and the Antebellum American Empire*.

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DATE: Saturday, March 28, 2015, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Place: USAHEC, Visitor and Education Center, Multi-Purpose Room

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